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## PRESS RELEASE

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### DEBRIS FLOW EVACUATION ORDER

Due to the weather forecast increasing in severity with rainfall amounts likely to exceed debris flow thresholds in the CZU Fire burn scar, the County of Santa Cruz is placing the following zones in an evacuation order effective 8 a.m. Sunday, October 24th:

BOU-E004A	BOU-E020	BEN-E002A	CRZ-E001C
BOU-E005	BOU-E021	BEN-E002C	CRZ-E001B
BOU-E006A	BOU-E022B	BEN-E002E	CRZ-E002A
BOU-E006B	BOU-E030	BEN-E002G	CRZ-E005B
BOU-E007B	BOU-E031A	BEN-E002I	CRZ-E005C
BOU-E008A	BOU-E031B	BEN-E003B	CRZ-E006B
BOU-E008B	BOU-E032B	BEN-E003D	CRZ-E007B
BOU-010	BOU-E036A	BEN-E004A	CRZ-E008B
BOU-E011A	BOU-E036B	FEL-E002B	CRZ-E008C
BOU-E011B	BOU-E040	FEL-E003B	CRZ-E010C
BOU-E012A	BOU-E-041A	FEL-E006B	CRZ-E014A
BOU-E012B	BOU-E041B	FEL-E007B	CRZ-E017B
BOU-E012C	BOU-E042A		CRZ-E017C
BOU-E013	BOU-E043A		CRZ-E018B
BOU-E014	BOU-E043B		
BOU-E015B	BOU-E043C		

This is a dynamic event that is constantly evolving and has grown into a significant storm. Based on initial information, it was determined that targeted evacuations were appropriate. The County has identified approximately 319 addresses that are considered as low-lying, high-risk homes for debris flow in the above listed zones. Deputies are currently conducting door to door notifications at those specific addresses. For residents who are not home in these high-risk areas, stickers with the warnings are being placed on their front doors or other high visibility areas at the home.



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As the storm has grown in the last 12-24 hours, operational needs have evolved and additional evacuations are now required, including not just the homes at elevated risk. An evacuation order has been issued but does not take effect until 8 a.m. Sunday, October 24th. Weather can be unpredictable, and we urge residents in these evacuation zones to leave without delay.

Residents may look up their evacuation zone at <https://community.zonehaven.com>. Residents are also encouraged to register landlines, cell phones, or VoIP phones with CodeRED by visiting <https://www.scr911.org/> and signing up for notifications, or texting SCR911 to 99411.

Debris flows are fast-moving masses of mud, rocks, boulders, trees and sometimes homes or vehicles. They move quickly and are often deadly to those in their path. The only way to avoid debris flows is to move to safety prior to any debris flow event. For debris flow information, visit <https://www.santacruzcounty.us/FireRecovery/DebrisFlow.aspx>.

The County has opened a call center, which residents may reach at 831-454-2181 with questions regarding evacuations and resources. The County will open a shelter at San Lorenzo Valley High School, 7105 Highway 9 in Felton at 8 a.m. Sunday, October 24th. Intake for the shelter will take place at San Lorenzo Valley Elementary School. If possible, residents are encouraged to seek shelter with friends and families. Please follow local news or County social media accounts at [www.twitter.com/sccounty](http://www.twitter.com/sccounty) or [www.facebook.com/countyofsantacruz](http://www.facebook.com/countyofsantacruz) for updates and additional information.

When evacuating, please take the following steps:

- Follow instructions from local officials, including for travel routes.
- Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Take your emergency go-bag or disaster supply kit.
- Lock your home.
- Shut off water, gas and electricity if instructed to do so.
- Let others know when you left and where you are going.
- Make arrangements for pets and livestock, if necessary.

The weather forecast anticipates high winds and potential for downed trees. Residents should exercise caution when leaving their homes during the storm. For road conditions, visit [sccroadclosure.com](http://sccroadclosure.com).

Those needing assistance with large animals should call Equine Evac at 831-708-8998.

If you have an emergency, please call 911.